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SUBJ SWEDISH PRIMIN PALME IN CANADA

1. PALME BEGAN FIVE-DAY VISIT TO CANADA WITH PRESS CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA OCTOBER 17, AND HAD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIMIN TRUDEAU OCTOBER 18. REMAINDER OF TRIP INVOLVES SIGHTSEEING AND MEETINGS WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND SWEDISH-CANADIANS IN MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

2. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS GENERALLY LOW-KEY AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL. PALME CALLED FOR CLOSER TIES BETWEEN TWO NATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON DEALING WITH MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HOWEVER, COMMENTING ON SUGGESTION THAT CANADA MIGHT ADOPT A "LEFT-WING" FOREIGN POLICY, MODELED ON SWEDEN'S, AS WAS ALLEGEDLY SUGGESTED BY TRUDEAU'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR FOREIGN POLICY IVAN HEAD, PALME SAID SWEDEN WAS NOT NECESSARILY A DESIRABLE MODEL FOR CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

3. PALME SAID HE HAD BEEN "UNFAIRLY" ACCUSED OF "MOUNTING SOAP BOX" TO ATTACK US AND OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THAT "SOAP BOXES HAVE LONG TRADITION IN DEMOCRATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIETY." SWEDEN'S CRITICISM OF US WAS CALLED LEFT-

WING, WHILE CRITICISM OF USSR WAS RIGHT-WING, AND
WHILE SWEDISH FOREIGN POLICY WAS OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL,
SWEDEN WISHED TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION IN THE
WORLD. "YOU CANNOT HAVE ONE MORALITY FOR YOUR OWN
POPULATION AND ANOTHER IN YOUR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS".
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